We are now trying to find out as to who exactly is responsible for the loss.

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—Where is the previous officer working now ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Outside the Excise Department.

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—Is he not under suspension ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Government are not aware as to who exactly is the last person who was responsible for the loss.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In view of the Hon'ble Minister's admission that the present officer took charge of his post without the previous officer counting the materials, is from not the present officer fully responsible for the fact that he took charge without properly taking stock of the materials in the stores ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Unless he has taken charge, the officer cannot be held responsible for previous losses. That is why we are investigating into the matter. When we ascertain as to who was really responsible for the loss, we will certainly take action.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ನಾಗೂರ್.—(ಎ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ವಾಗಿ 146 ಸೇರು 20 ಶೂಲ ಗಾಂಜ ಕಡಮೆ ಇತ್ತು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆಗ ಇದ್ದ ಮೂಲ ದಾಸ್ತಾನು ಎಷ್ಟು?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—There was in store: 'A' variety 572 seers, 'B' variety 358 seers and 'C' variety 465 seers excluding 146 seers 20 tolas.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister for P.W.D. told the House the other day that this matter is under Police investigation. The Hon'ble Excise Minister is now telling us that the Anti-Corruption Department is seized of the matter. May I know which of the Ministers is correct?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I do not know in what connection it has been referred to the Anti-Corruption Department. Well, it is also a part and parcel of Government and so it will refer to the appropriate department. That is what I said.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Were explanations called for from the previous officer as well as the present officer and if so, what are their explanations ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—When the matter is under investigation, we were not able to call for explanations. Immediately after the report is received we will call for explanations of both the officers and whoever is found guilty will be punished.

Recreation Clubs in the State.

*Q.—256. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Recreation Clubs registered in the State under the Societies Registration Act;

(*b*) the nature of their activities;

(*c*) the nature of control the Government have over them ?

*A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 282.

(*b*) As per the Memorandum of Association of the respective Societies.

(*c*) (1) Power of Inspection under Section 21-A of the Societies Registration Act in old Mysore Area only.

(2) Power to notify a Society as defunct under the circumstances referred to in Section 21-B of the Societies Registration Act in old Mysore area only.

(3) Government consent is necessary for dissolution of Societies where Government is a member of, or a contributor to, or otherwise interested in any Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1904 or the corresponding Act in force in other constituent parts of the New Mysore State.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.— ರಿಕ್ರಿಯೇಷನ್ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿಗೂ ಇನ್ಸ್ಟೀಟಿನ ಜೂಜಾಟದ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿಗೂ ಏನೂ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ತೋರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಕ್ರಿಕೆಟ್ಟಿನ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬು ಗಳು, ಫುಟ್‌ಬಾಲ್ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬು ಗಳೂ ಇವೆ.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I bring to the notice of Government that the number given here is not correct. There are 40 clubs in one town itself.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I have to rely upon the report sent by the local officers.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Has it come to the notice of Government that these clubs have been registered in very large numbers in recent years?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—The figures are given.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—What was the number last year?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I have not got that figure with me.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬು ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೆಗ್ಯುಲರಾಗಿ ಗ್ಯಾಂಬ್ಲಿಂಗು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರು ವುದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—What are the activities of these Clubs?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—They are merely for recreation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಂಕರಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಹೆಡ್ ಕ್ವಾರ್ಟರುಗಳನ್ನೂ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಈಗ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ನಡೆಯು ತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಇದು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವಲ್ಲ. ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳನ್ನು ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರು ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆ, ಹೊನದುರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಹಳೆಯ ದುರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಟೂರು ಬಂದಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಟೂರು ಬಂದಕಾಲ ದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕೂಡ ಈ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳಿಂದ ಜನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮೊರೇಲು ಕೆಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಅನೇಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಮನವಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿರುವುದು ಸರ ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಕೆಲವು ಸಾರಿ ಪ್ರಾಸಂಗಿಕವಾಗಿ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ರೆಕ್ರಿಯೇಷನ್ನು ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ರೆಗ್ಯುಲ ರಾಗಿ ಗ್ಯಾಂಬ್ಲಿಂಗಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಆಗ ನೂಕ್ಸಾನಿದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is playing cards a recreation?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Yes.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is Government aware that playing cards as a game of skill is also a gambling?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—There are plenty of judicial decisions on that subject.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is playing cards as a gamer's skill is an offence?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—It all depends upon the circumstances

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—I want a definite answer. Is playing of cards as a gamer's skill an offence?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—That is a hypothetical question.

Sri D DEVRAJ URS.—Is Government aware that most of the recreation clubs are misued in the sense of gambling clubs because gambling goes on in these clubs?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I am not aware of gambling going on, on a such a large scale.

Sri L. S. VENKAJI RAO.—Have the Government any data regarding the import of playing cards to this State?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I have no data.

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—Is there any inspection team to inspect the activities of these clubs?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—If gambling is going on there, are the police people to take care of such activities.

Sri A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—Are Government aware that in addition to these clubs mentioned here there are thousands of gambling dens in the State?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—The number of clubs registered is only 282 and they are not in thousands.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—In view of the answer given by the Minister, are we to understand that the police officers who are to keep watch over the activities of the clubs have not brought to the notice of Government the large scale gambling going on in these clubs?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Such an inference is not warranted.

Sri D DEVRAJ URS.—The Minister was pleased to say that he was not aware of such large scale gambling going on. How are we to make it known to Government that gambling is going on if the police officers of the localities concerned are also hand in glove with these clubs and if they do not report to Government? Is it not sufficient for Government to take notice of that when so many members here say that gambling is going on a large scale?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I have already replied that if concrete instances are brought to the notice of Government we will take suitable steps to put down gambling.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾಗ ಹೇಳಿದೆವು ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀ ಪೂಣಚ್ಚರವರಿಗೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪನವರಿಗೆ ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಗ್ಯಾಂಬ್ಲಿಂಗು ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಬೇಕೆಂದು ವರ್ಷ ವರ್ಷ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆವು. ಸರಕಾರದವರು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—The police have been asked to be vigilant.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Under the circumstances will Government take steps to have control over these clubs and to see that they are abolished to some extent ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—It is not the policy of Government to encourage gambling in clubs. If gambling is going on in certain places, Government has a right to take drastic action provided there is sufficient proof coming forward.

Sri L. S. VENKAJI RAO.—Are Government aware that in many clubs bakelite coins are exchanged later on for usual coins ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಅದೂ ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—May I bring it to the notice of Government that because Government is issuing licences to these clubs on the basis of those licence they are carrying on gambling in this way and so may I request Government not to issue such licences at least in rural parts ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—The number is only 282 when compared to the size of the State.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಮೂಕಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳನ್ನು ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರು ಮಾಡುವ ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಗಮನ ವಿಟ್ಟು ತಕ್ಕ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ನೀತಿ ಇದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಇದಕ್ಕೆಲ್ಲಾ ಡೆಮಾಕ್ರಸಿಯನ್ನು ಇಷ್ಟು ದೂರ ಚಾಚುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Import of Leather Goods in the State.

*Q.—100 Sri T. HANUMIAH (Challakere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the value of leather goods imported in the State from outside annually;

(*b*) the value of leather goods imported by the Government;

(*c*) whether they intend setting up factories for manufacturing leather goods in Bangalore and other important places ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) and (*b*) This information is not available.

(*c*) No. If there is any specific proposal from the private sector, the same will be considered.

Compensation in respect of Lands acquired for Tagarapura-Hosmalangi Road in Kollegal Taluk.

*Q.—117. Smt. KEMPAMMA (Kollegal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether compensation has been paid to the owners of the land acquired for forming the new road from Tagarapura to Hosamalangi in Kollegal Taluk;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that the compensation due for the lands acquired for this road has not been paid so far to the landowners ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The lands have not been acquired under the Land Acquisition Act and it is learnt that the District Board, Coimbatore, formed the road with the concurrence of the land owners.